



The Pipeline



KECC Collecting Donations for Disaster Fund

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Cabinet for Families and Children employees are reliably generous, and many are taking this time to give even more of themselves to local and national charities.

Because of the recent national tragedies, the United Way has set up a disaster relief fund to benefit those who need it most. You can make a cash donation to the September 11th Fund through the Kentucky Employees Charitable Campaign. This can be in addition to your contribution to the agencies you currently support. On your pledge card, write "Disaster Assistance Fund" under "United Ways in Kentucky" and it will be credited to this new fund. Your cash donations will be sent as soon as the KECC drive ends.

You can continue giving to one of several state organizations all next year through KECC. A payroll deduction spreads your donation over the entire year, and the money is automatically subtracted from your check.

Please turn pledge forms in to your office's representative or KECC Coordinator Bonnie Cox. Bonnie works in Disability Determination Services in the First City complex.

Thank you for your donations!



Keeping Our Building Safe

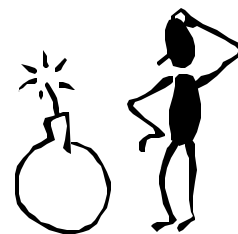
Employees, remember your ID badges! Otherwise, to enter the CHR Building you must go in the lobby doors and see the security officers for clearance.

Also, remember to wear your badge throughout the day for identification purposes.

Cooperation from all employees enables the security officers to keep our workplace safe.

Bomb Threats

A bomb threat is not a joke or a minor offense. Also known as "terroristic threatening," it is a crime against each one of us attempting to do our jobs in a safe environment. Terroristic threatening is defined in Kentucky as a Class A misdemeanor carrying a penalty of up to 12 months in jail and a fine.



Here's what to do if you receive a threatening call:

- Attempt to keep caller on the line;
- Advise co-workers of the situation immediately;
- Contact the Building Superintendent's Office at 564-2640; this office will call police and order an evacuation;
- Calmly ask the caller for details about the alleged bomb; these details will be helpful to investigators.

Sick Leave Needs

Maurica Ellis, OPE, is in need of donated sick leave. To donate leave time, contact Gloria Calhoun at 564-5402.



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You Could Save a Life: Donate Blood



By Martha Robertson

As always, but now more than ever before, the Cabinet for Families & Children is encouraging all employees to donate blood. It is quite apparent that blood supplies are low and are needed because of the devastation we, as Americans, have faced this week. Because of the many uses of each blood component, each blood donor WILL play a role in saving lives with his or her donations. The Red Cross has stressed the importance of ONGOING blood donation during the coming weeks and months. Blood only lasts a short time, and our reserve blood supplies have been sent for use in the New York and Washington areas. You may donate every 56 days.

The American Red Cross will be accepting blood donations in the Health Services Building Auditorium for CFC, as well as CHS employees, on Monday, Oct. 1 or Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2001. We appreciate the donations received during our last blood drive which took place on August 6, 2001. Those employees are eligible to donate again on October 1st. Let me reassure you that the delays you may have experienced on August 6 have been addressed with the Red Cross and we should be able to accommodate everyone more timely on October 1st or 2nd. Appointments for **CFC employees** are recommended and can be scheduled by contacting the recruiter in your department or by calling Martha Robertson, CFC Blood Drive Coordinator, at 564-7770 ext. 4150.



Birds in Jefferson, Woodford Counties Found with West Nile Virus

The Kentucky Department for Public Health announced this week that

preliminary tests of four dead birds from two Kentucky counties - Jefferson and Woodford - indicate they had the West Nile virus.

One bird, a grackle, was submitted from Woodford County and three birds -- a crow and two sparrows -- were submitted from Jefferson County. The bird surveillance for West Nile virus is being conducted in cooperation with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. There have been no confirmed cases of West Nile virus in humans in the state and only one confirmed equine case that was reported on August 31, 2001.

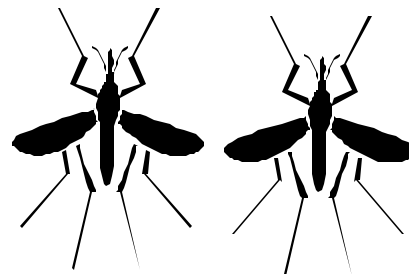
The tests of the four birds at the University of Kentucky Livestock Disease Diagnostic Laboratory indicated they were preliminarily positive for West Nile virus. Samples will be sent to the National Wildlife Laboratory in Madison, Wis., for confirmation.

The Department for Public Health urges all Kentuckians to take precautions against mosquito bites. **The risk of contracting West Nile virus or other arboviruses** (St. Louis encephalitis, Eastern equine encephalitis and LaCrosse encephalitis) **is very low.** Even in areas where mosquitoes carry the virus, very few mosquitoes - less than 1 percent - are infected, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Severe illness results in fewer than 1 percent of people bitten by infected mosquitoes. Most people who are exposed to the virus will not show symptoms. Even people living in at-risk areas are unlikely to get sick from exposure to the virus.

West Nile virus is spread to birds, humans, horses and other mammals only through the bite of an infected mosquito. Most humans bitten by an infected mosquito do not get sick or have a very mild flu-like illness. The elderly have an increased risk for serious illness from West Nile virus. (As of Sept. 18, there had been 12 confirmed human cases of West Nile virus in the U.S.)

The department requests Kentuckians to continue to report dead birds, especially

crows, blue jays and raptors. Dead bird reports should be made to the Department for Fish and Wildlife Resources at 1-800-858-1549, ext. 352 or to your local health department.



The following precautions are recommended to reduce the risk of exposure to mosquitoes.

- Stay indoors during peak mosquito hours (normally in the evening);
- Wear long sleeved shirts, long pants, shoes and socks when you are outdoors and mosquitoes are active;
- Use mosquito repellent, being sure to follow instructions on product;
- Turn over or remove containers that collect water such as old tires, buckets, flowerpots and other containers.
- Clean out birdbaths and wading pools once a week.
- Clean roof gutters and downspout screens regularly.

Additional information about West Nile Virus is available on the Department for Public Health's website at

http://publichealth.state.ky.us/west_nile_virus.htm

CFC Online Focuses on Back to School

Have you seen the latest issue of CFC Online? It's loaded with information on kid's health and safety, FRYSCs and more.

Check it out!

<http://cfc.state.ky.us/cfconline/2001/September/CFC%20Online%20Cover%20August.htm>